

Minutes of Meeting of Legal Aid Special Interest Group Committee held on
Thursday 27 March 2025 at 8pm

Present: Paul Seddon
Rachel Perkins
Ann Henderson
Tracey Jack
Clint Nicholls
Carol Calver (ACL head of operations)
Jo George (ACL operations administrator)

Apologies: Steve Jepson

1. Action Points from last meeting

AP1 – AH to deal with

2. LAA billing meeting

RP/AH gave an update on the latest LAA billing meeting. Next meeting is due to be held 23rd May 2025.

3. 2025 seminar

CC confirmed booked for Monday 9th June at Shakespeare Martineau's offices in Birmingham (same location as 2024 seminar). CC will not be in attendance, but JG will attend.

Capacity of location is about 30. JG confirmed that a "save the date" had been added to the website, but that tickets could not go on sale until some content/speakers had been confirmed. AH fed back that there had been a request for the sessions to start at 10am to allow for travel.

Discussions re speakers and content. AH agreed to contact all potential speakers and will revert. **[AP1]**.

Further discussions took place regarding the LAA's response re DRA/Final hearings FAS and information required to obtain cover for Full Representation. Agreed that the LAA would be requested to cover this as one of the sessions at the seminar.

The committee agreed to ask the new Chair to also give an update at the commencement. CC will make the request. **[AP2]**.

CC confirmed that PS had agreed to do a breakout session at the ACL Manchester conference on 9th May. This will be on Inter Partes Costs with regards to set offs. JG will send email to members advising **[AP3]**.

4. AOB

TJ raised issue with LAA webchat. AH agreed to raise this with the LAA. **[AP4]**.

Next meeting – 23rd April 2025 @ 12.30pm

AP1	Seminar speakers	AH
AP2	Chair to speak at seminar	CC

AP3	Email to members re breakout at Manchester conference	JG
AP4	Issues with webchat	AH